

# **EPA/States Corrective Action Workshop Cacapon Resort State Park**



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# Zero-Valent Iron Source Treatment Technology

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# **Topics to be Covered**

- Background on Zero-Valent Iron
- Field Demonstration of ZVI Source Treatment
- Application at the DuPont Martinsville, VA site



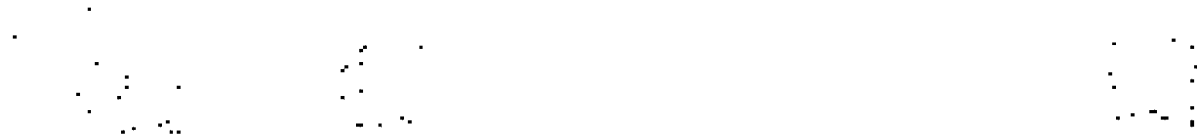
# Zero-Valent Metals

- Promote degradation of chlorinated organic compounds
- Promote precipitation of redox sensitive trace metals, radionuclides
- Focus on zero-valent iron [ $\text{Fe}^0$ ] to treat groundwater affected by:
  - chlorinated ethenes
  - chlorinated ethanes
  - chlorinated methanes (some)
  - dissolved metals

# Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB)

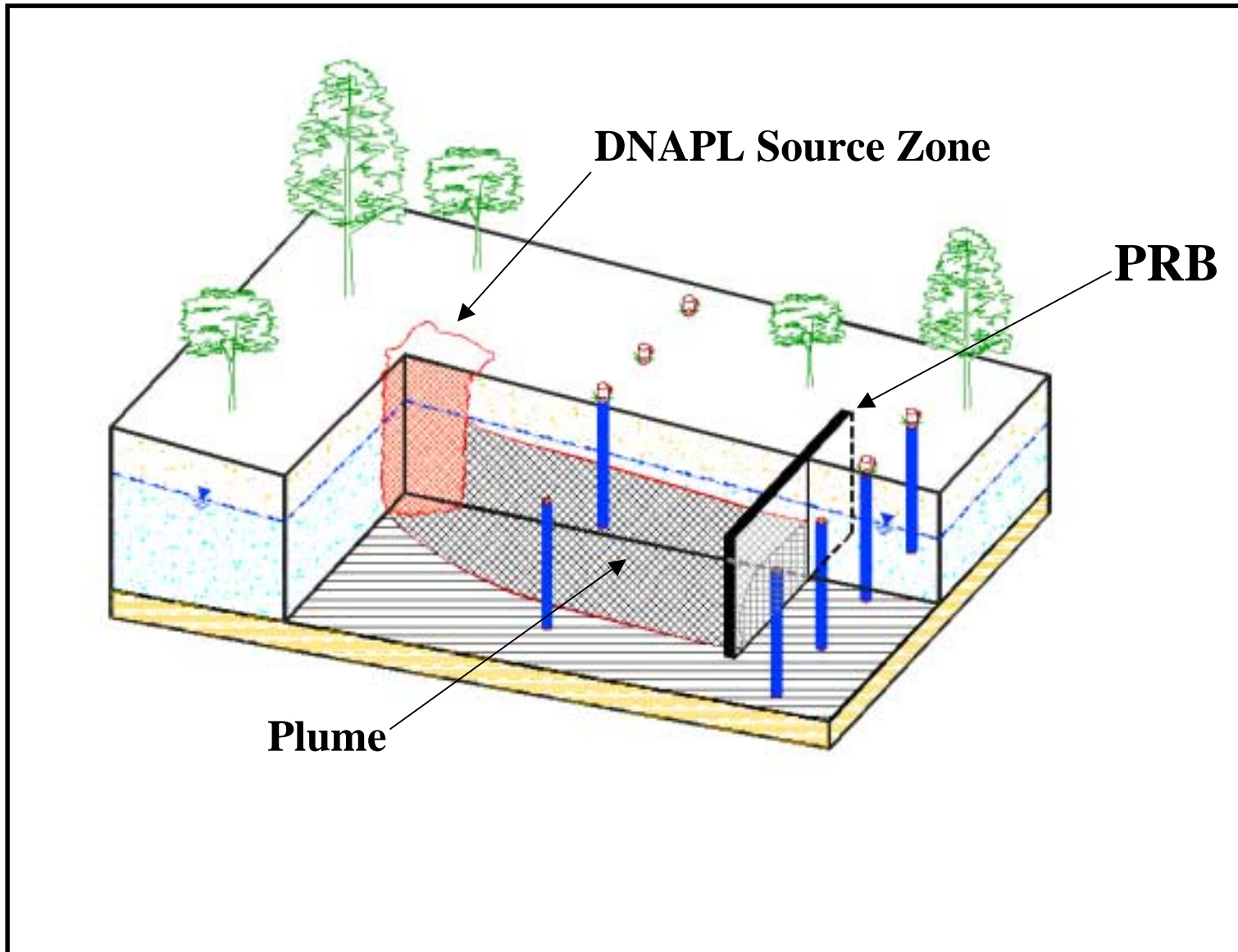
- A permeable zone containing or creating a reactive treatment area oriented to intercept and remediate a contaminant plume
- Removes contaminants from the groundwater flow system by physical, chemical, or biological processes

# A PRB for Horizontal Flow





# PRB Cut-away Diagram



# Treatment Processes

- pH control
- Chemical precipitation
- Oxidation-reduction reactions
- Zero-valent metal dehalogenation
- Biological degradation reactions
- Sorption reactions
  - sorption of organics
  - sorption of inorganics

# Emplacement Methods

- Conventional excavation
- Trenching machine
- Deep soil mixing
- High-pressure jetting
- Vertical hydraulic fracturing (hydrofracturing)

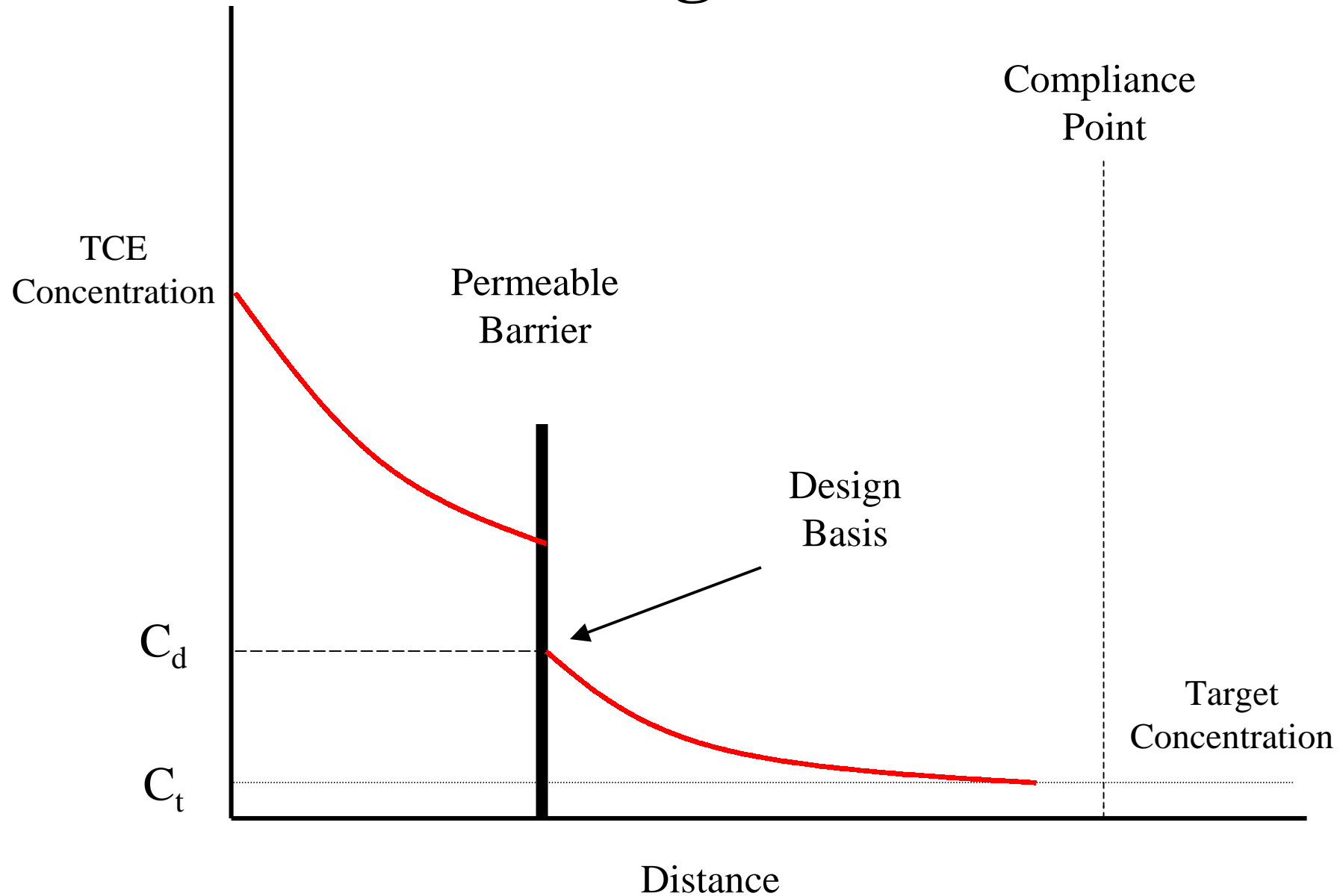
# **Reaction Mechanism - VOCs**

- Corrosion of iron drives reaction
- Iron provides electron source for reduction (dechlorination) of organics

# Reaction Summary—cVOCs



# TCE Degradation



# Compounds Treated By ZVI

Organic Compounds			
Methanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tetrachloromethane</li> <li>trichloromethane</li> </ul>	Propanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,2,3-trichloropropane</li> <li>1,2-dichloropropane</li> </ul>
Ethanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hexachloroethane</li> <li>1,1,1-trichloroethane</li> <li>1,1,2-trichloroethane</li> <li>1,1-dichloroethane</li> </ul>	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hexachlorobutadiene</li> <li>1,2-dibromoethane (EDB)</li> <li>freon 113</li> <li>freon 11</li> <li>lindane</li> <li>N-nitrosodimethylamine</li> <li>nitrobenzene</li> </ul>
Ethenes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tetrachloroethene</li> <li>trichloroethene</li> <li>cis-1,2-dichloroethene</li> <li>trans-1,2-dichloroethene</li> <li>1,1-dichloroethene</li> <li>vinyl chloride</li> </ul>		

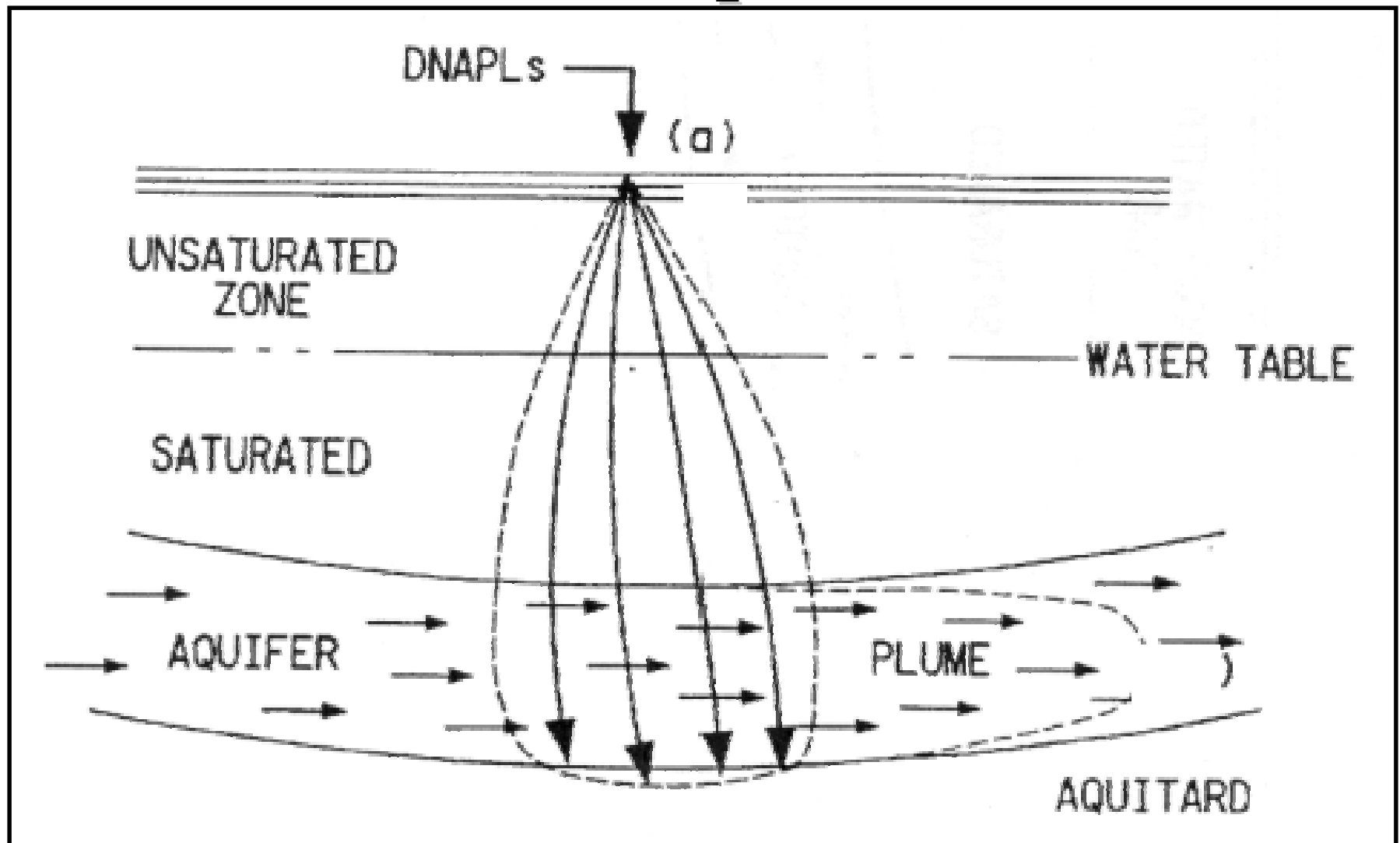


# Typical Half-Lives

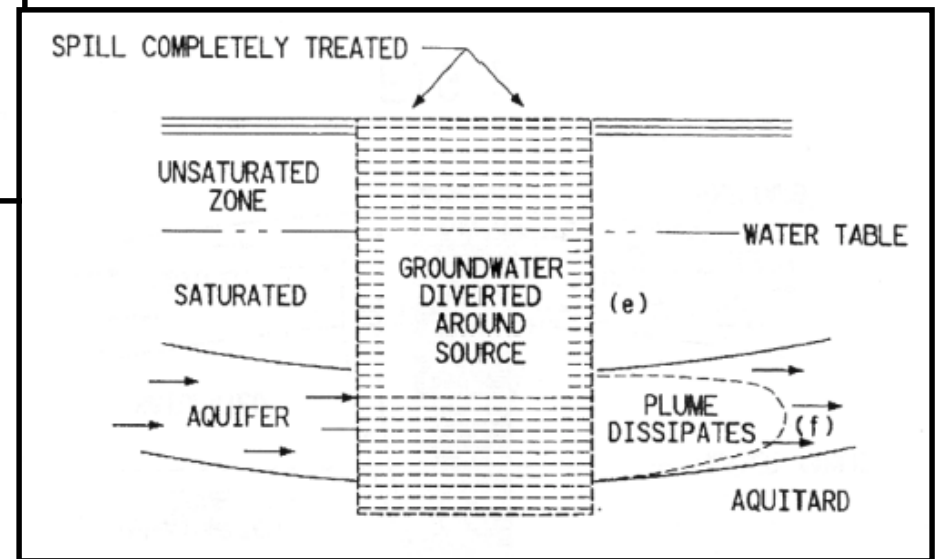
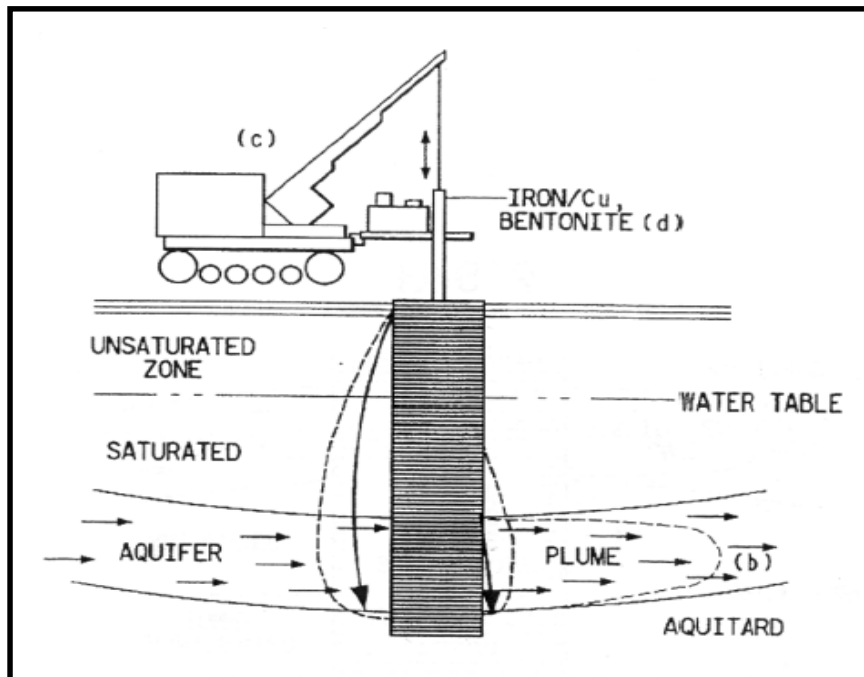
<b><i>Compound</i></b>	<b><i>Typical Half-Life (hours)</i></b>	<b><i>Compound</i></b>	<b><i>Typical Half-Life (hours)</i></b>
PCE	0.5-2	CT	0.5-1
TCE	0.5-2	TCM	1-3
<i>cis</i> 1,2-DCE	2-6	1,1,1-TCA	0.5-2
VC	2-6	1,1-DCA	10-24

# Problem Definition

## DNAPL Spill Zone



# Zero Valent Iron Source Treatment



# Deep Soil Mixing Augers



Courtesy of SWM Sieko

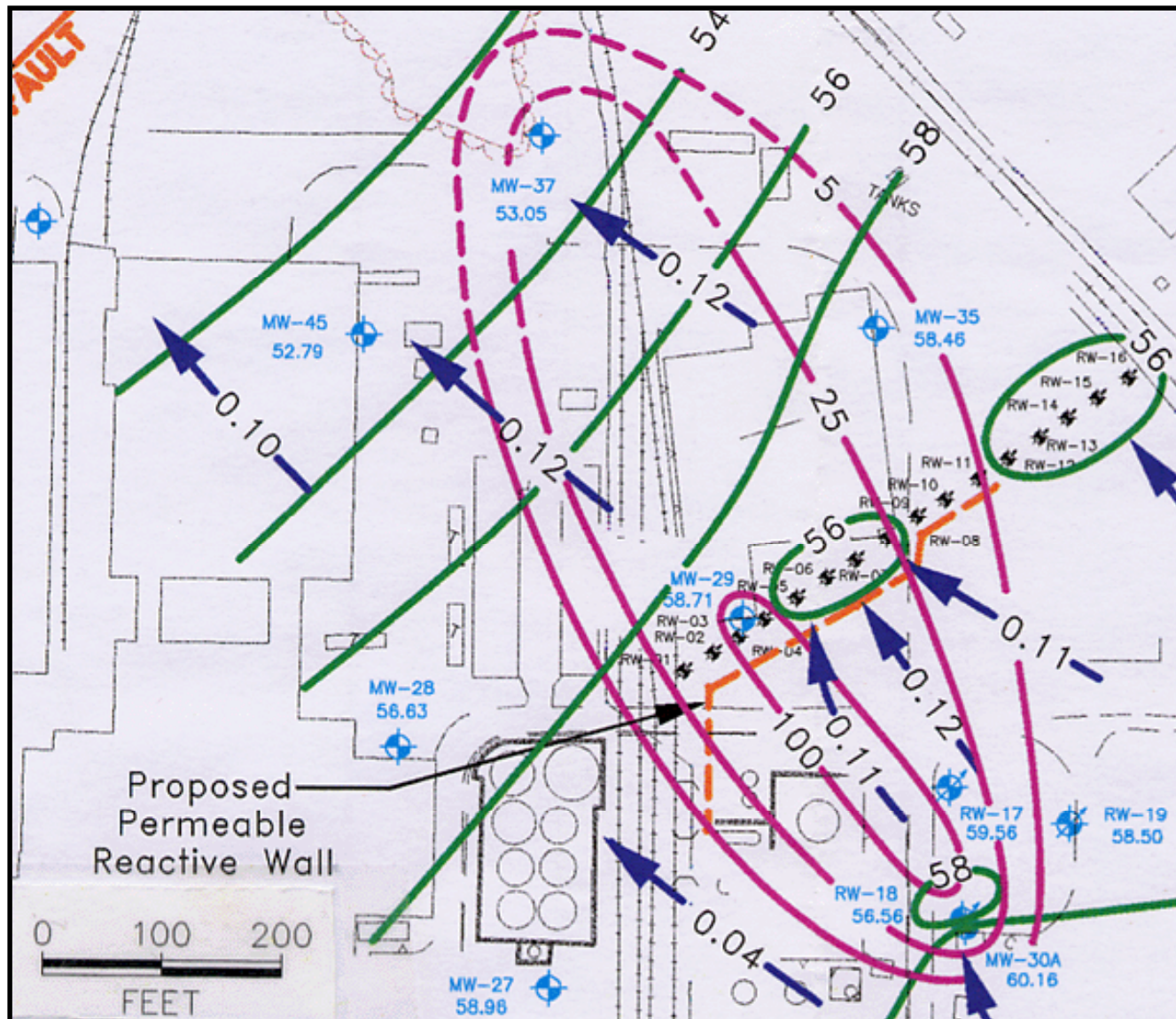






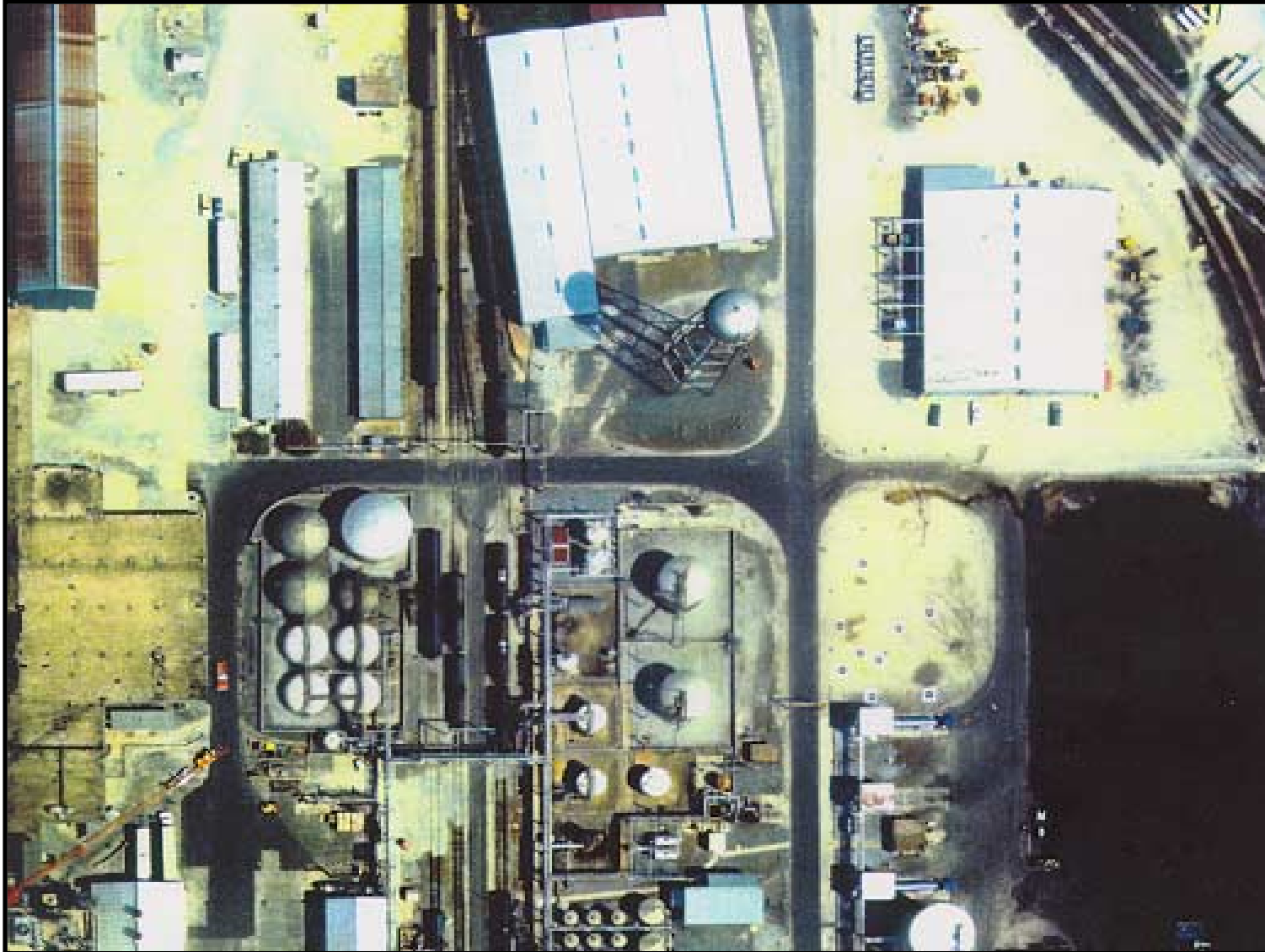
# DuPont Kinston Plant (NC)

## Map of Impacted Area





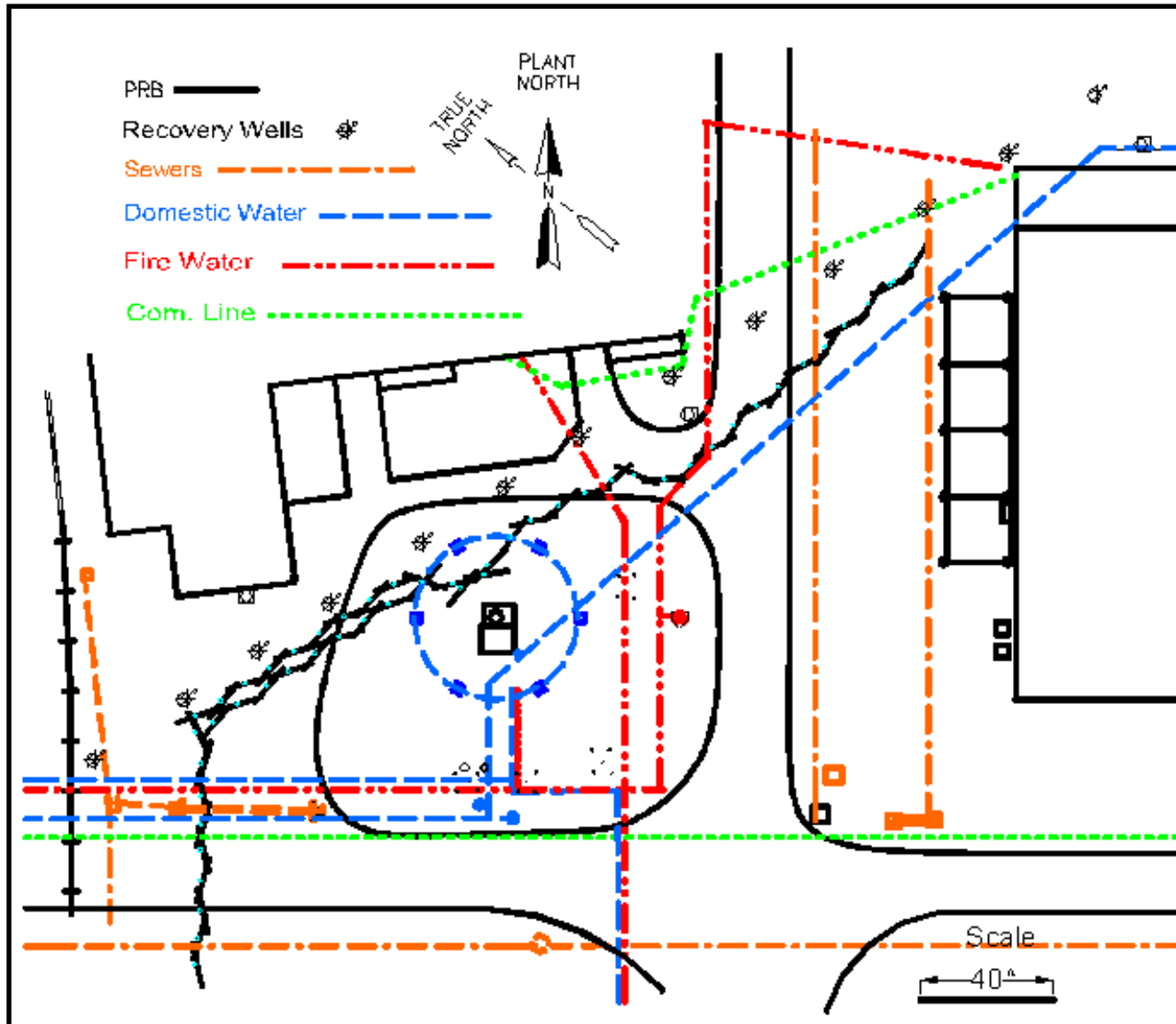
# Area of Concern



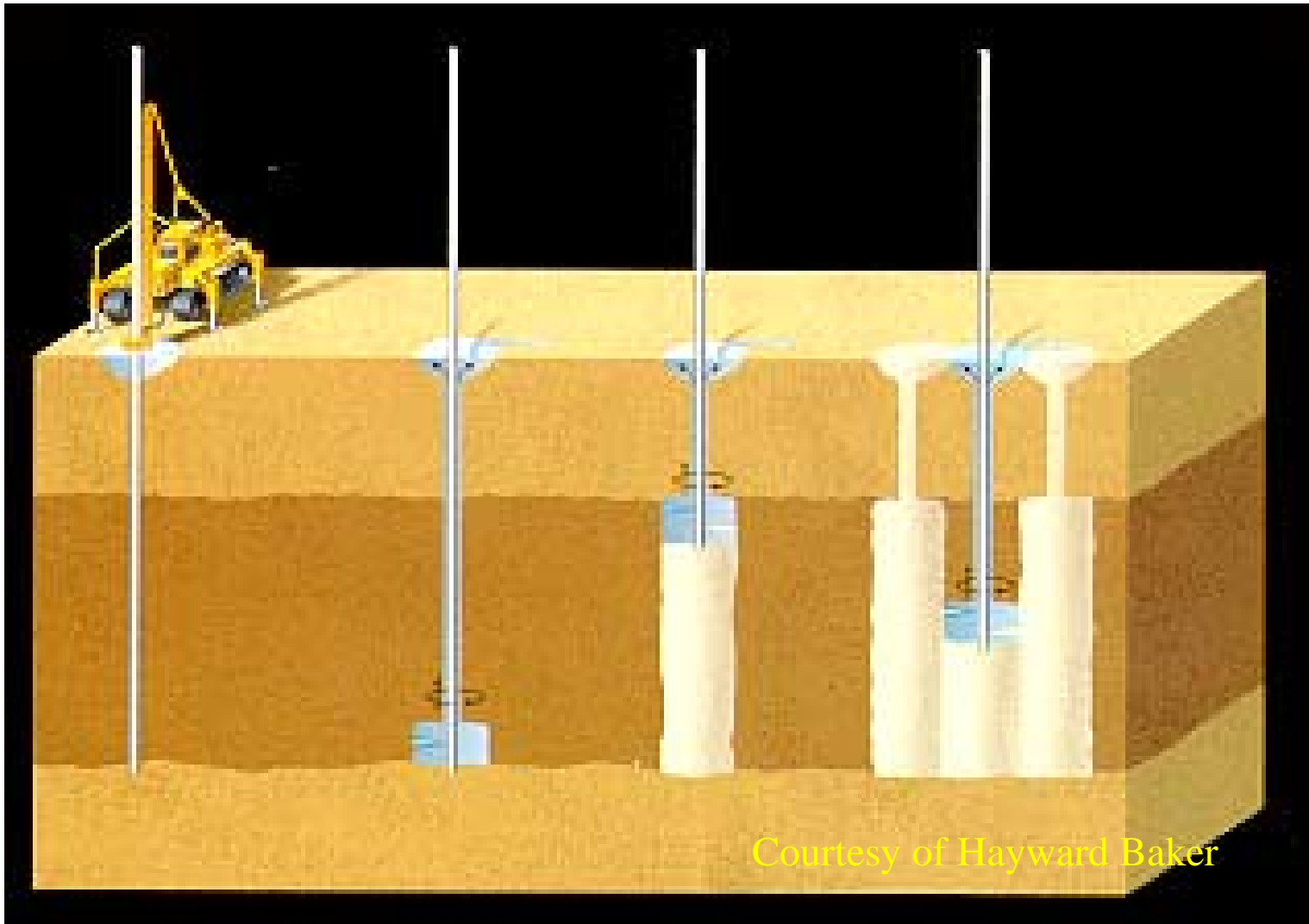
# Source Zone Characteristics

- Black, fine-grained, silty sand
- Mudstone confining layer at 15-18 feet.
- Source contained within ~30 foot diameter zone
- TCE concentrations: 25-50 ppm ave; 99 ppm max
- Linear groundwater velocity: 0.05 to 0.1 ft/day
- Plume size: 250-300 ft wide at 300 ft downgradient
- Plume concentrations: 5-2000 ppb

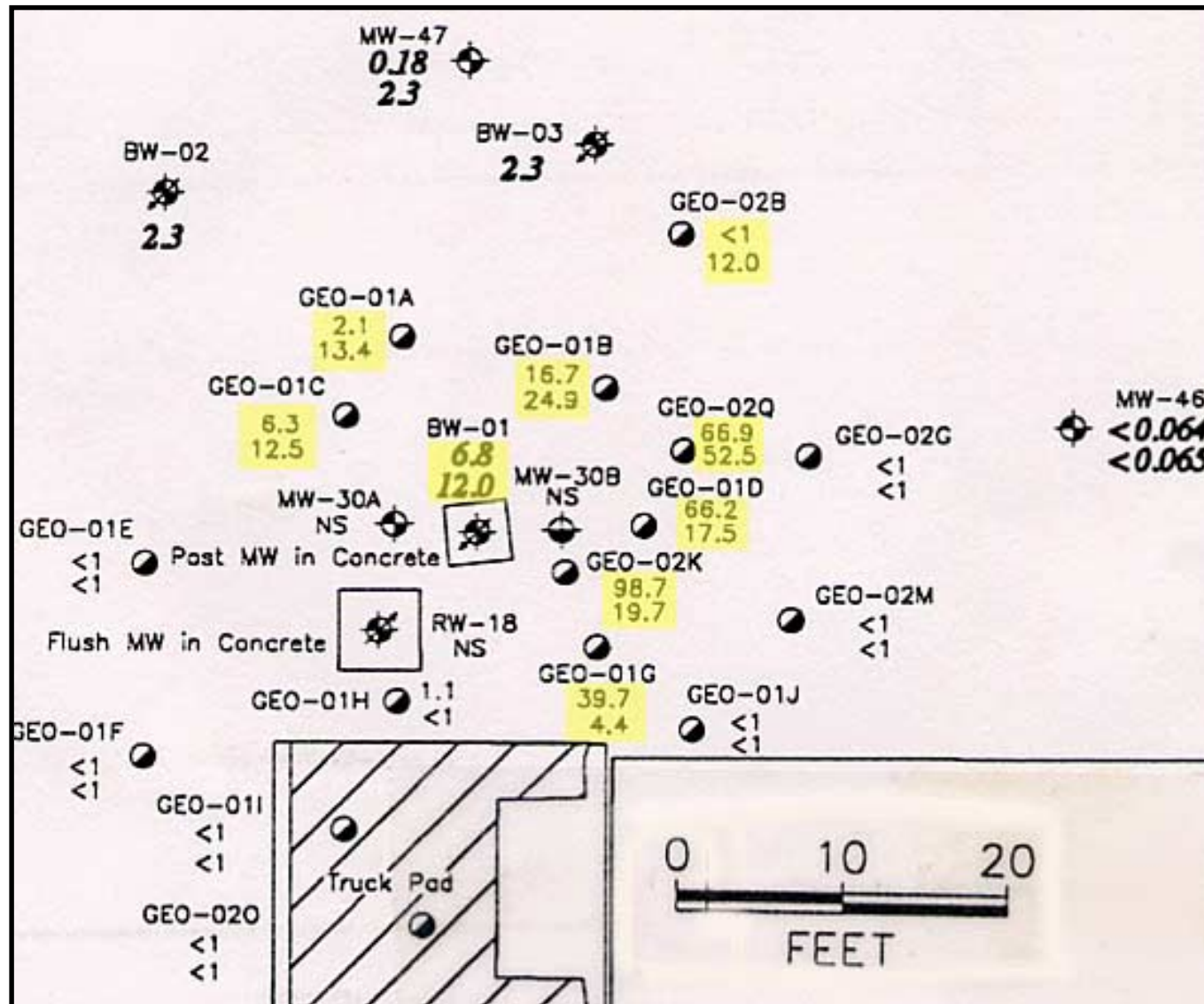
# PRB To Treat TCE Plume



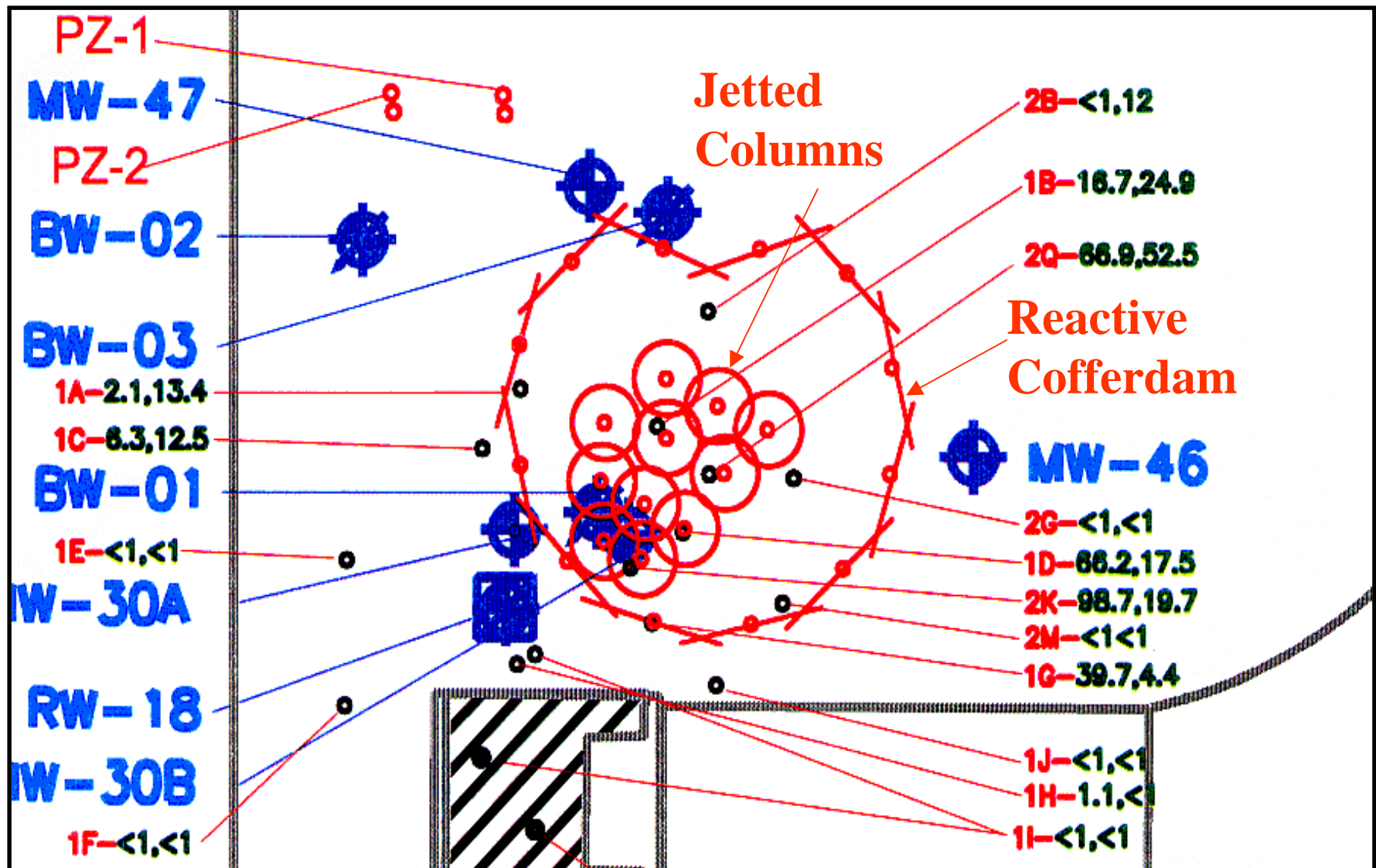
# Jetting Process



# Source Zone Concentration Map



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# Jetted ZVI Column

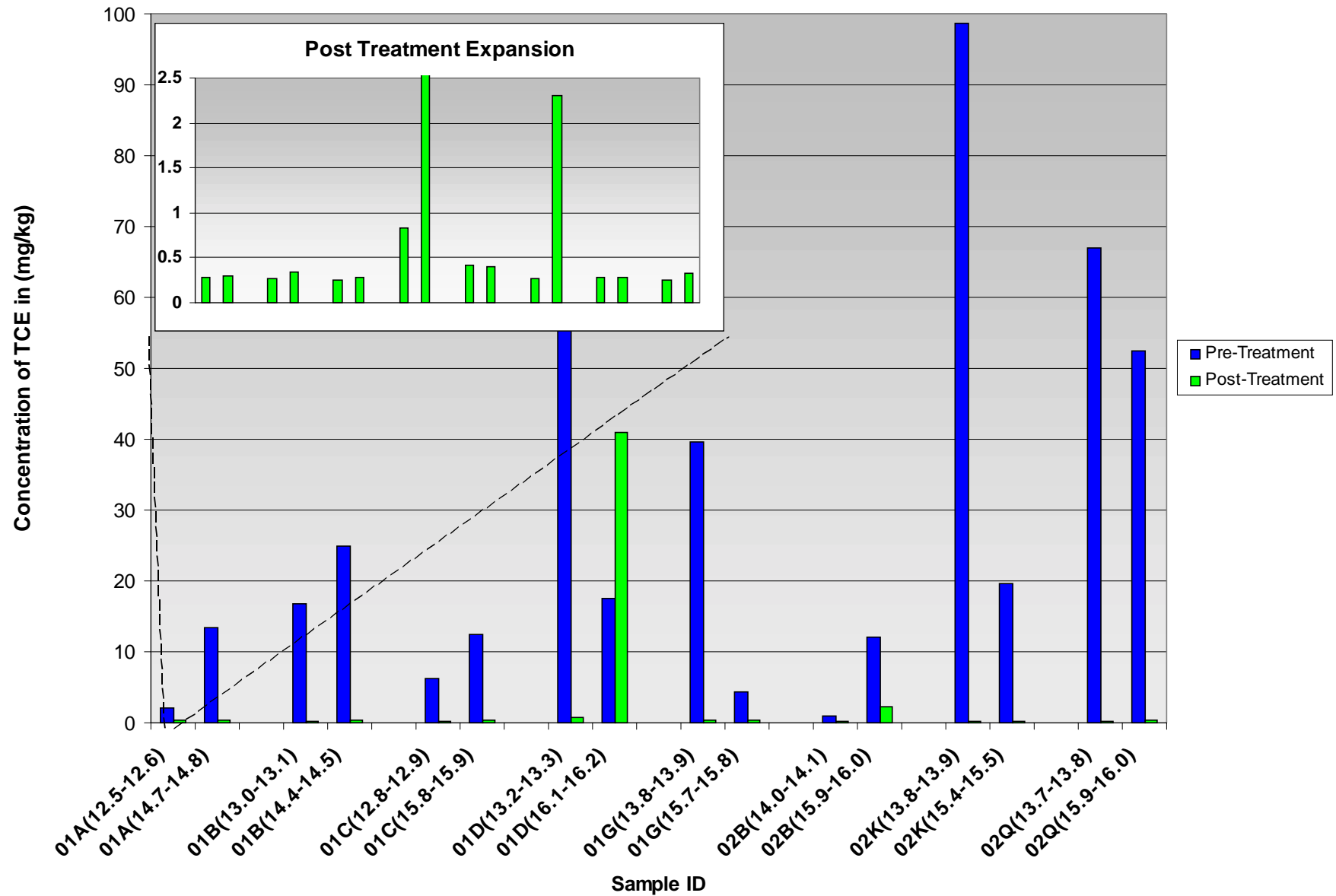




# **Source Zone Jetting Parameters**

- Contractor: Hayward-Baker, Baltimore, MD
- 95% kaolinite clay d.w.
- 5% Peerless ZVI (<50 mesh) d.w.
- Number of treatment columns: 11
- Column depths: 15-18 feet
- Treatment column diameter: 5-6 feet
- Column centerline distance: 4-5 feet
- Jetted low K reactive wall cofferdam
- Cofferdam jetting centers: 9 feet

# Treatment Compasion of Source Zone Analytical Results



# Source Treatment Conclusions

- Lab tests demonstrate ZVI can effectively destroy high concentrations of CT and TCE
- Expect continued growth in use of ZVI technology to treat chlorinated solvents because:
  - It works!
  - Usually a significant cost advantage
  - In-situ, passive treatment is advantageous for site redevelopment and re-use
  - Reliable, robust technology

# Resources on the Web

- Oregon Graduate Institute
  - [cgr.esse.ogo.edu.iron/](http://cgr.esse.ogo.edu.iron/)
- Envirometal Technologies, Inc.
  - [www.eti.ca/eti.html](http://www.eti.ca/eti.html)
- EPA
  - [www.epa.gov/tio](http://www.epa.gov/tio)
- RTDF
  - [www.rtdf.org](http://www.rtdf.org)

# Source Control at the Former Acid Disposal Area



# Site Location



# **Martinsville — Site Description**

- Piedmont region of south central Virginia
- Situated within a stream meander of Smith River
- Covers approximately 550 acres
- Over 200 feet of topographic relief





# **Martinsville — Operational Status**

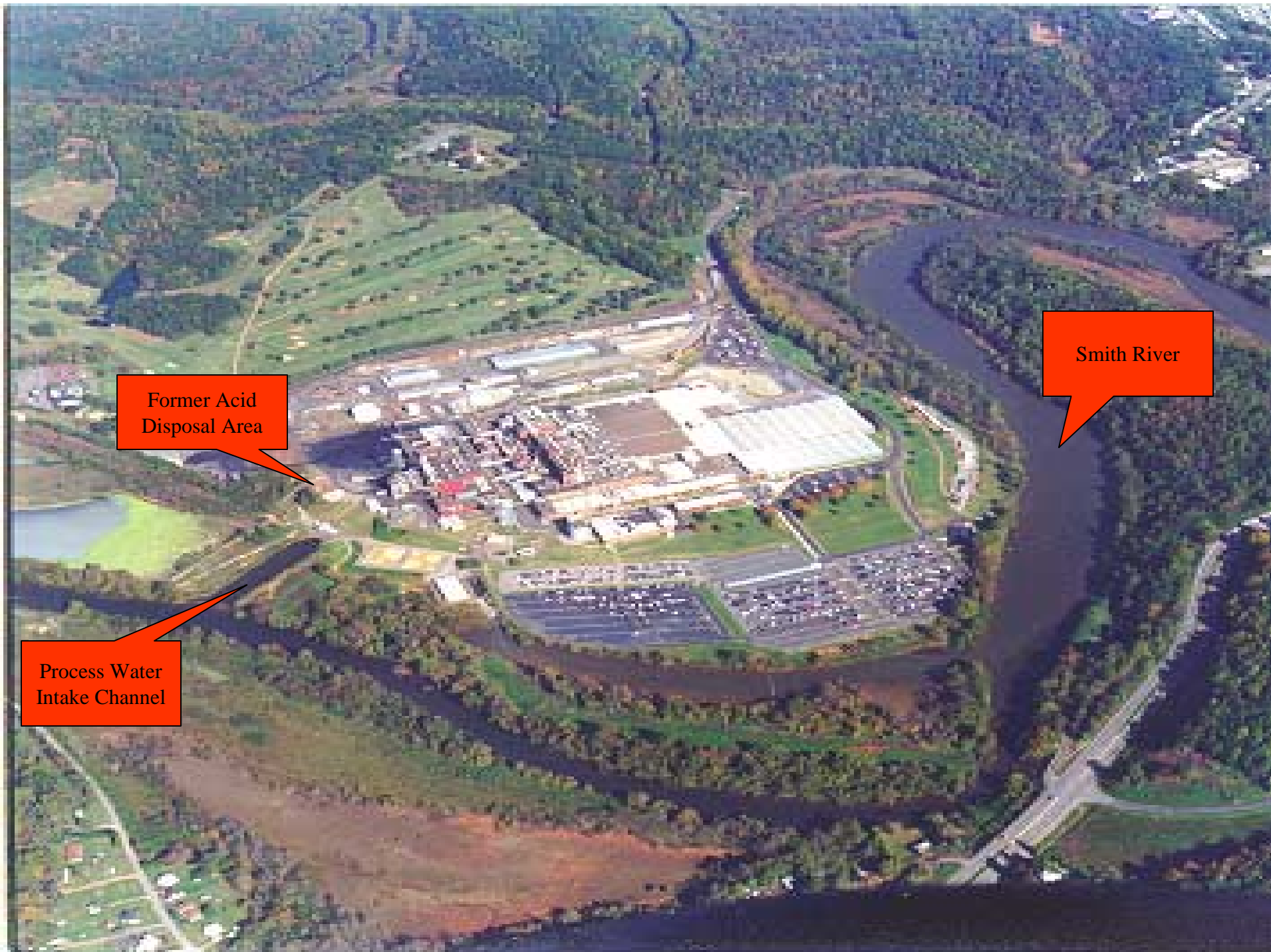
- Nylon operation started 1941
- Manufacturing ceased on June 30, 1998
- Spinnerets fabrication is currently the only DuPont operation on-site

# Community Issues

- DuPont was the largest local employer
- Several other textile plant closings / relos
- DuPont managed closing better than others
- Made commitments to assist with local economic revitalization

## **Future Site Plans**

- Former nylon manufacturing facilities currently undergoing demolition
- Majority of site to be leased to County for development as a technology park
- No full-time DuPont facility management presence after site is leased to County



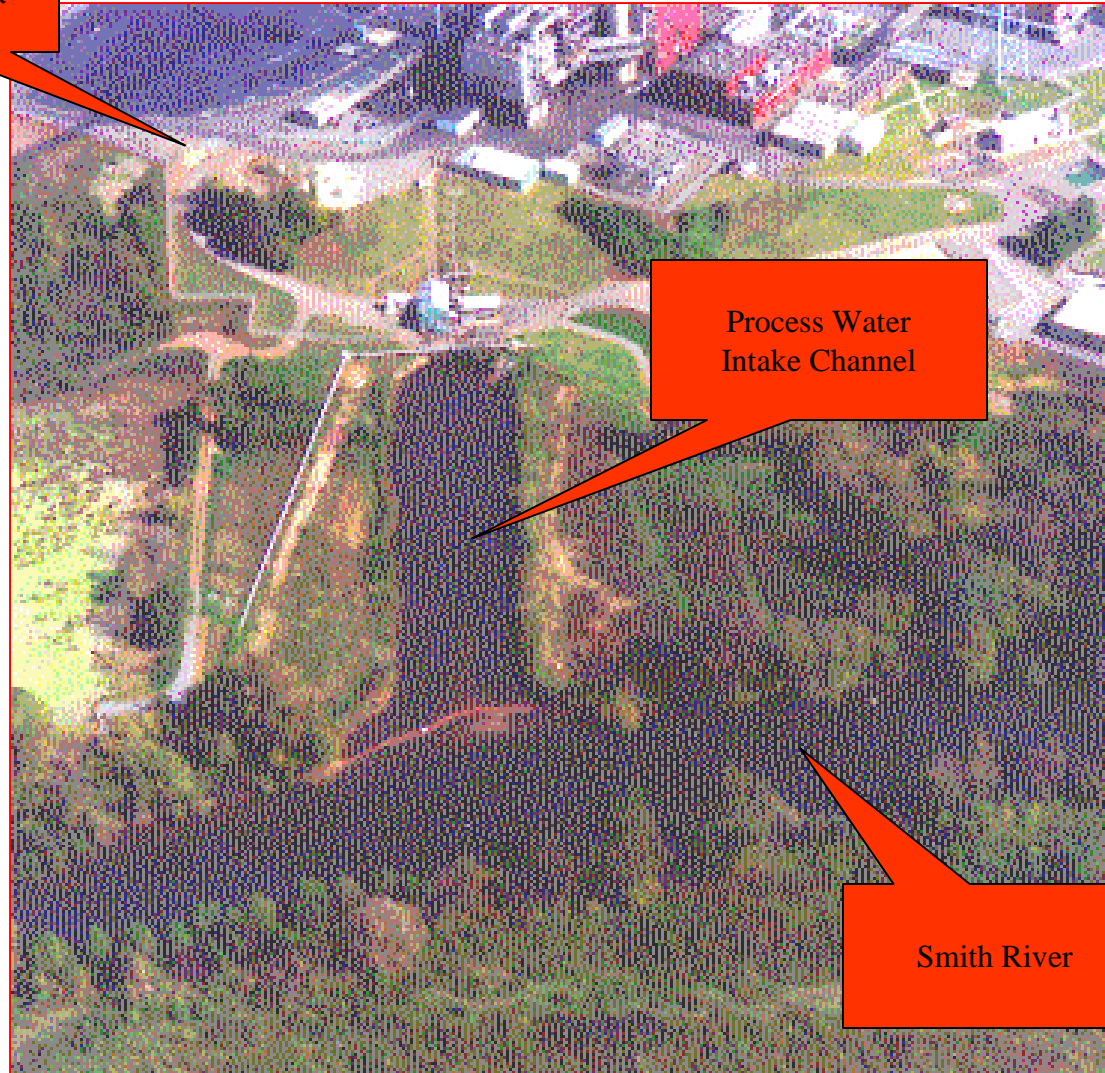
# Former Acid Disposal Area Description

- Laboratory wastes neutralization pits operated 1958-1974
- An original and replacement pit had concrete walls, open bottom, filled with limestone rocks
- Approximately 5 ft by 10 ft at surface, unknown depth
- Received various laboratory wastes, including spent nitric and formic acids, phenol, carbon tetrachloride (CT)
- Pits were closed by backfilling with soil

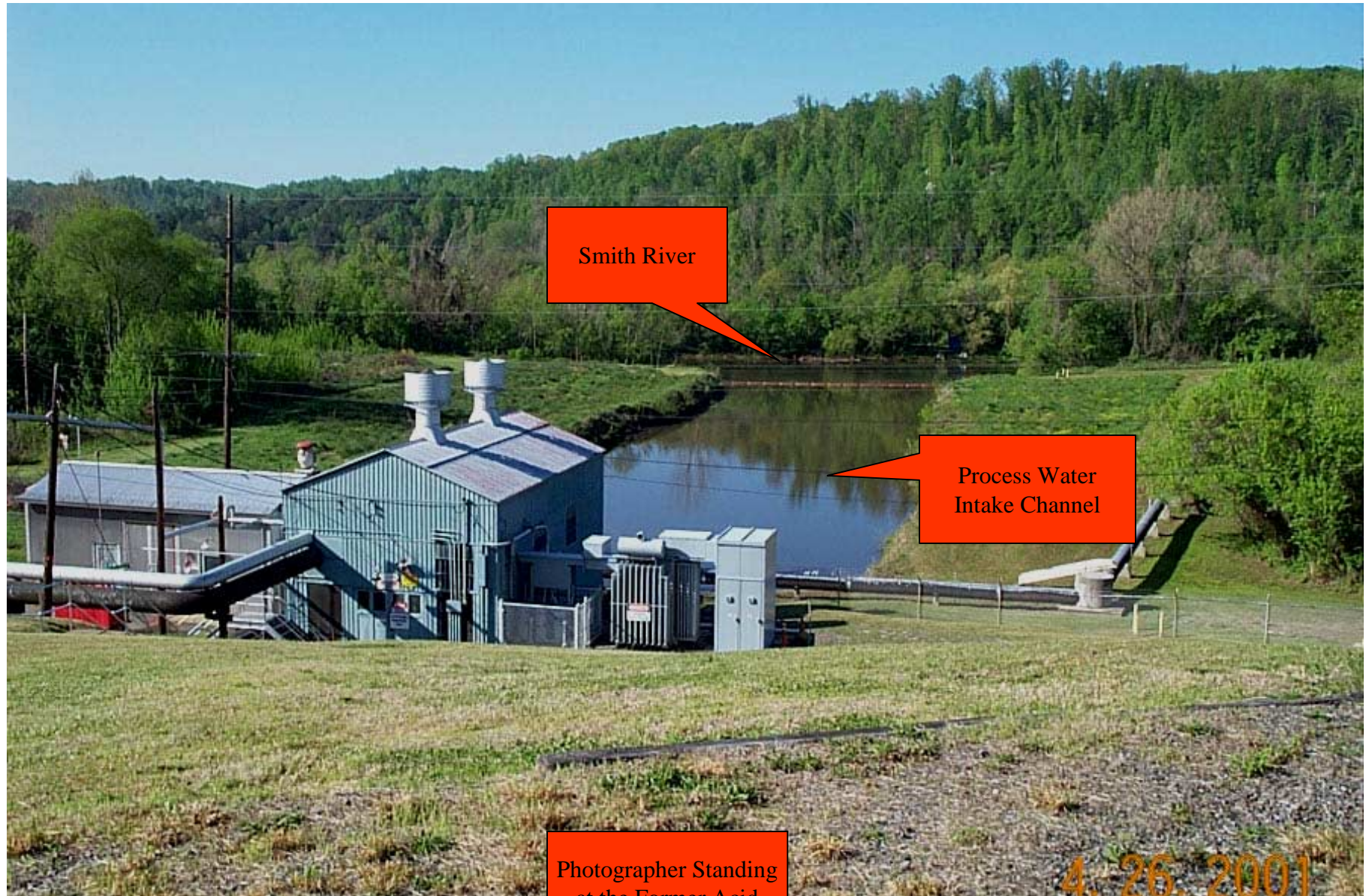
Former Acid  
Disposal Area

Process Water  
Intake Channel

Smith River







Smith River

Process Water  
Intake Channel

Photographer Standing  
at the Former Acid  
Disposal Area

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1971 Photograph of the  
Acid Disposal Area



# **Former Acid Disposal Area**

## **RFI Findings**

- Concentrations as high as 30,000 ppm CT in soil
- Approximately 10,000 cubic yards of soil is impacted, very well delineated
- Approximately 20 tons of CT is in the vadose zone (0-25' bgs)
- Downgradient groundwater and surface water impacts

# Groundwater and Surface Water Status

- Smith River is not a drinking water source
- Groundwater is not used for drinking water (public supply)
- Site will continue to be used solely for industrial purposes
- Surface water monitored quarterly at eight locations
- Surface water CT concentrations are very localized
- Indications of an upward trend in surface water CT concentrations
- Indications that CT groundwater plume is not stable

# **Decision-Making Objectives for the Former Acid Disposal Area**

<b><u>“Concern”</u></b>	<b><u>Objective</u></b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Positive EI determinations, and regulatory relationships</li><li>• Good stewardship of remediation budgets</li><li>• Reduce liability</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Control off-site migration of COC's</li></ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Permanent remedy - no future site presence</li><li>• Implement remediation safely</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select a cost-effective alternative that protects HH&amp;E</li><li>• Reduce COC discharges to eliminate future liability</li></ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avoid public relations issues</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Choose an alternative with long-term effectiveness and no O&amp;M</li><li>• Choose an alternative with acceptable safety/health attributes</li><li>• Reduce COC discharges enough to prevent negative public image</li></ul> |

# Management Options

- Continued monitoring of groundwater and surface water
- Downgradient control / treatment of plume
- Contaminant source control

### Options Analysis Matrix

	Financial	Regulatory	Public Relations	Liability	Technical	Safety	
General Objectives :	Cost effective, protective of HH&E	Control off-site COC migration, plume stability	Maintain positive relationships	Eliminate / minimize	Long-term effectiveness, no O&M	Minimize H&S exposure	Scoring Results
Option A	5	1	1	1	1	5	14
Monitoring		Does not control migration or stability	May be viewed as not responsive to problem	No immediate impact, liability may increase	Not effective in reducing mobility, toxicity or volume	Minimal exposure	
Option B	1	4	5	5	3	3	21
Downgradient Control		Plume migration control, may not control stability	Highly visible, may have positive short-term results	Positive impact, off-site migration is curtailed	Reduces mobility, toxicity, not volume	Some exposure during installation and operation	
Option C	4	5	4	3	5	3	24
Source Control		May have longer-term effect on migration and stability	Highly visible, results may be longer-term	Longer-term, positive impact on liability	Reduces mobility, toxicity and volume	Some exposure during installation and operation	

\* Note: Scale is based on 5 to 1, where 5 is the most positive impact on each category while a 1 represents the most negative impact.

# **Reasons for Choosing Source Control**

- Source area is relatively small and well-defined
- Source control may be effective in controlling migration and plume growth, stabilized plume is necessary to meet EI750
- Fits with plans for future site use, no O&M requirements, cost effective



# **Source Control Alternatives that Passed the Initial Screening**

- Excavation with off-site incineration
- Containment through capping
- Soil vapor extraction (SVE) with off-gas treatment
- In-situ contaminant destruction through zero-valent iron (ZVI) saturation

### Remedial Alternatives Analysis Matrix

	FINANCIAL	REGULATORY	PUBLIC RELATIONS	LIABILITY	TECHNICAL	SAFETY	
GENERAL OBJECTIVES :	COST EFFECTIVE, PROTECTIVE OF HH&E	CONTROL COC MIGRATION, PUMP & TREATMENT STABILITY	MAINTAIN POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS	ELIMINATE / MINIMIZE	CONSTRUCTABILITY, LONG-TERM EFFECTIVENESS, NO O&M	MINIMIZE H&S EXPOSURE	SCORING RESULTS
OPTION A	1	5	4	5	3	1	19
EXCAVATE AND INCINERATE		TOTAL REMOVAL OF COC	HAULING ISSUES, PREFERENCE FOR PERMANENT REMEDY	PERMANENT REMOVAL OF MATERIAL	CONSTRUCTABILITY ISSUES; NO O/M	MUCH EXPOSURE TO COC'S	
OPTION B	5	2	2	2	3	5	19
CONTAINMENT BY CAPPING		COC REMAINS UNTREATED, MIGRATION MAY BE CONTROLLED	NOT PERCEIVED AS A FINAL SOLUTION	MINIMUM REDUCTION IN LIABILITY	SOME ON-GOING MAINTENANCE	MINIMAL EXPOSURES	
OPTION C	3	3	5	4	3	4	22
SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION		NO ASSURANCE THAT ALL COC'S ARE REMOVED	NO IMPACT IN COMMUNITY	MASS REDUCTION AND ASSOC. LIABILITY REDUCTION	SOME EFFECTIVENESS QUESTIONS, SOME ON-GOING O/M	POTENTIAL EXPOSURES TO VAPORS, CONDENSATE	
OPTION D	4	4	5	4	4	3	24
ZERO-VALENT IRON TREATMENT		COC'S ARE TREATED OR CONTAINED	NO IMPACT IN COMMUNITY	MASS REDUCTION AND ASSOC. LIABILITY REDUCTION	MINIMAL ON-GOING MAINTENANCE	POTENTIAL EXPOSURE DURING MIXING	

\* NOTE: SCALE IS BASED ON 5 TO 1, WHERE 5 IS THE MOST POSITIVE IMPACT ON EACH CATEGORY WHILE A 1 REPRESENTS THE MOST NEGATIVE IMPACT.

# Martinsville ZVI Test Area



# Equipment Used





# The ZVI and Clay Mix



# Injecting ZVI Mix





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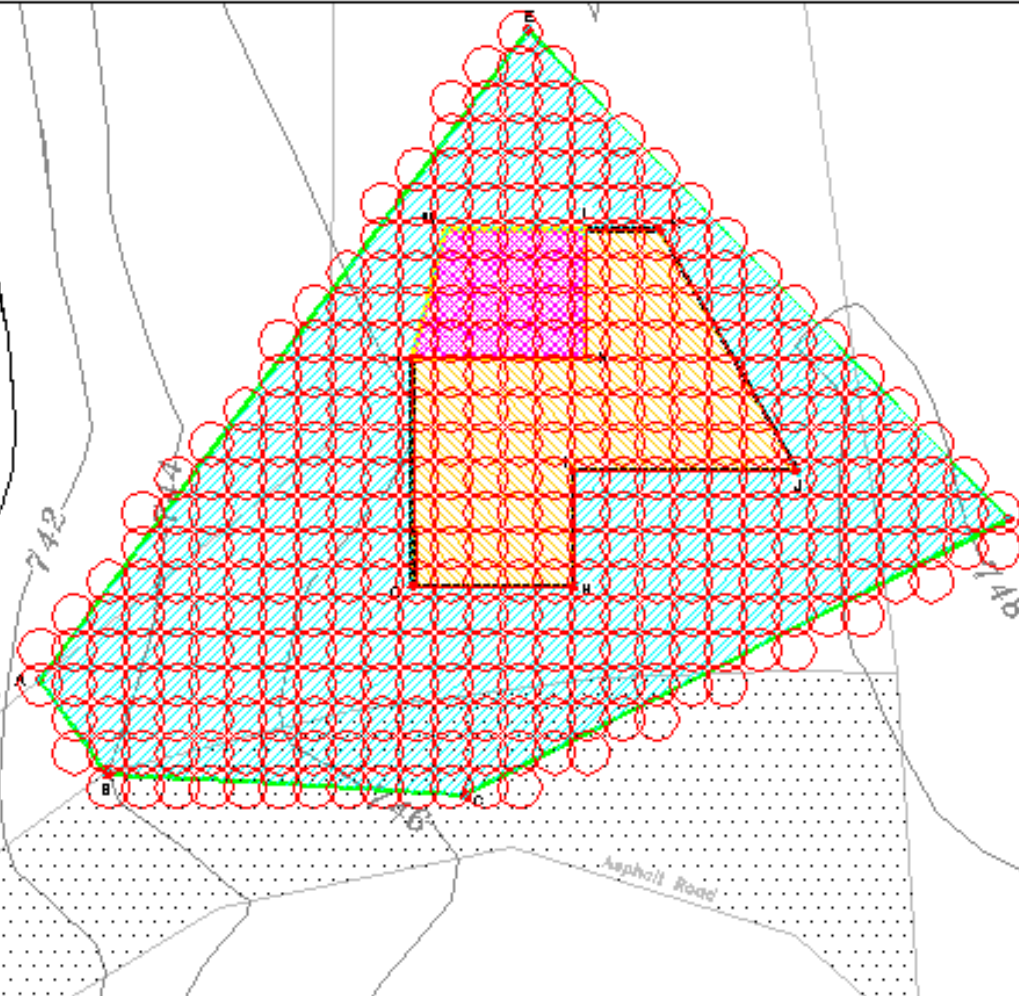


# **Contractor Selection for the Martinsville IRM**

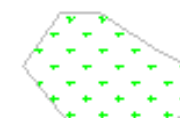
- Competitive Bid
  - GeoCon
  - Recon
  - Severson
  - URS Corp
- GeoCon (Monroeville, PA) was selected

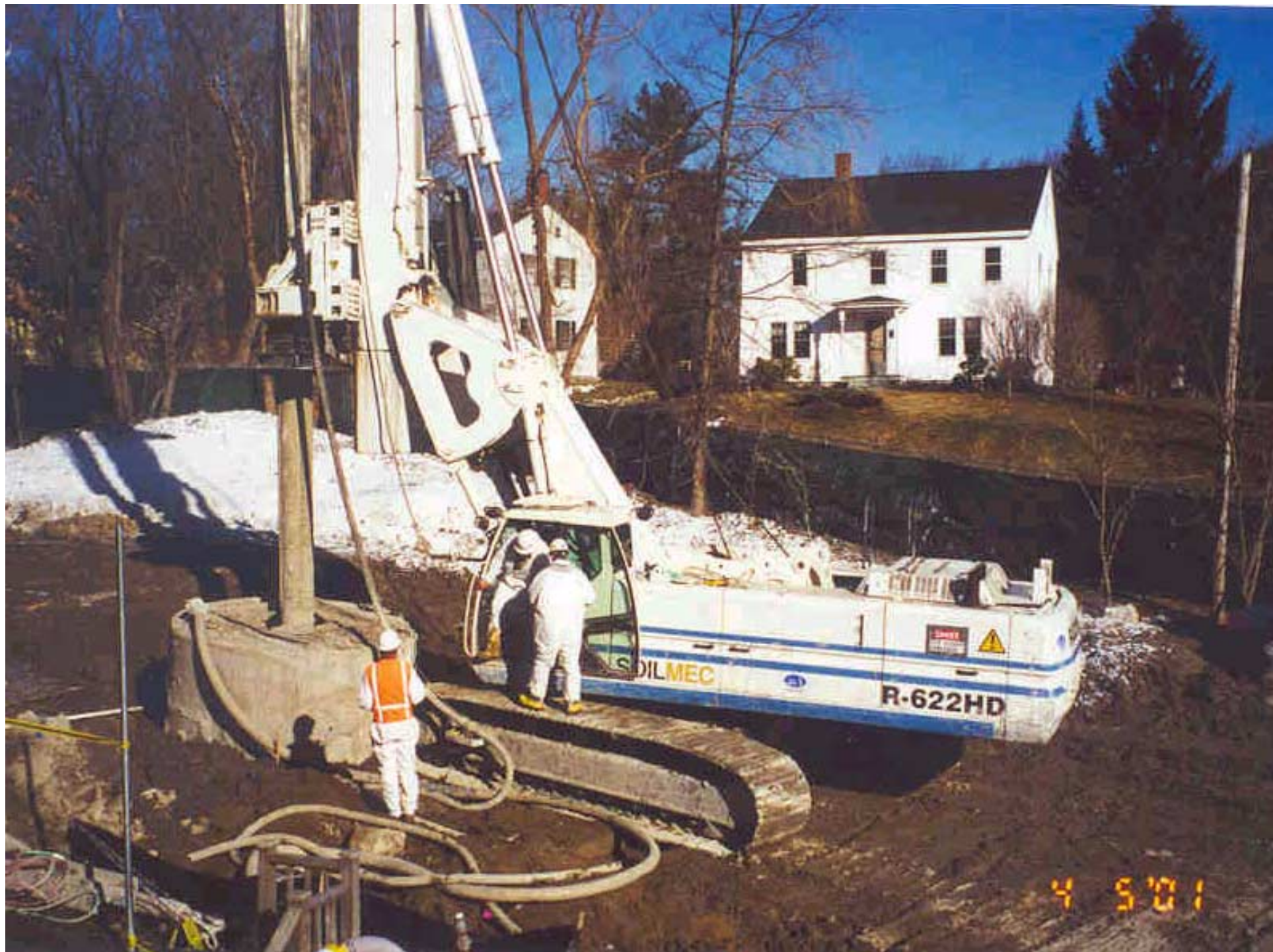


POINT	X-Coords	Y-Coords
A	-2835.082	1793.647
B	-2829.112	1785.489
C	-2797.880	1783.649
D	-2750.297	1807.811
E	-2792.377	1880.530
F	-2802.462	1821.811
G	-2802.462	1801.873
H	-2788.382	1801.873
I	-2788.382	1811.977
J	-2768.816	1811.977
K	-2780.786	1833.089
L	-2787.366	1833.089
M	-2799.460	1833.089
N	-2785.366	1821.811



LEGEND	
	6 pounds zero valent iron per 1 cubic foot of soil
	4 pounds zero valent iron per 1 cubic foot of soil
	2 pounds zero valent iron per 1 cubic foot of soil
Notes: All areas will be mixed to a depth of 30 feet BGS.	







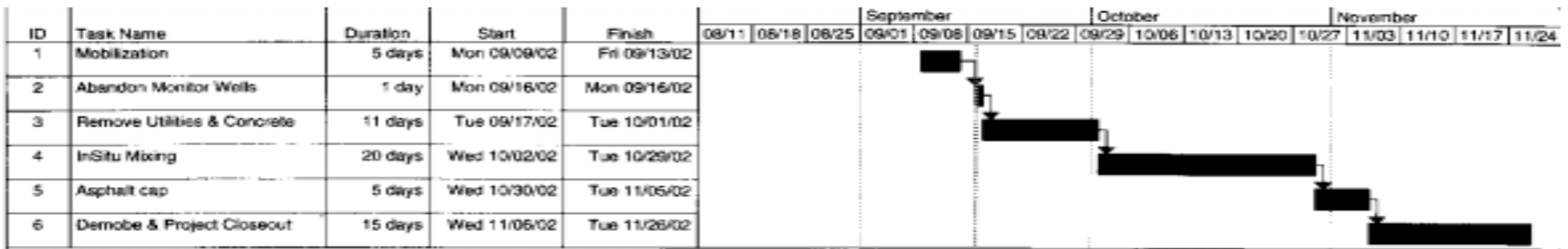




# Project QA/QC Parameters

- Iron and clay content of additive
- Post-mixing soil iron and clay content at various depths
- Post-project soil COC at various depths
- Long-term downgradient groundwater and surface water monitoring program

# Construction Schedule



THANK YOU

